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# Contractor chosen for new high school

□ Work will begin in late August on the 200 student school

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The Camas School Board has approved TEAM Construction of Vancouver as the general contractor for its newest project.

Hayes Freedom High School, which provides students in Camas with a non-traditional education program, will break ground on its new \$3.8 million building at the end of August.

TEAM Construction is the third largest commercial contractor in Clark County, according to its Web site.

The company specializes in several areas of construction including retail, medical, restaurants, financial, religious institutions, office buildings and multi-family housing.

Hayes Freedom will house up to 200 students and will be located at the former administrative office site at Northeast

Ione Street.

It also may be the first building of its kind in the country in regard to environmentally friendly design.

That's because it will be a planned "net zero-ready structure," which means that it will theoretically be able to produce as much energy as it consumes during a year, creating a net zero effect on the environment.

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In order to be considered a net-zero structure, the building will need special insulation, fiberglass windows, overhangs, automatic light dimming controls and skylights.

The floors in the commons area will be made of concrete with radiant heating underneath.

"This is very exciting," School District Superintendent Mike Nerland said. "It'll be the first (building of this kind) in Washington and possibly the nation."

Hayes Freedom is named after Camas High School graduate Denis Hayes, who is credited with helping to develop Earth Day back in the 1970s.